

Arthur Totzke



Arthur Totzke, 90, Groton, died Sunday, April 8, 2001, at Beverly Healthcare Center, Groton. His funeral will be held today, 2 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Stephen D. Swenson officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at the Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Groton American Legion Post #39.

Arthur Harold Totzke was born in rural Andover on November 12, 1910, to Frank and Mary (Nefs) Totzke. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served overseas in Saipan for two years. Following his discharge from the service,

he returned to South Dakota, living in the Andover/Groton area. In 1936 he married June Simonson. He then worked for the City of Groton for 12 years. June died July 25, 1978. On August 15, 1982, he married Jennie (Ness) Johnson and she died on July 1, 1998.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. He belonged to the Groton Senior Citizens and the Groton American legion. Art enjoyed playing cards and bingo.

He is survived by three stepchildren, Merton Johnson, Groton; Lyle Johnson, Houston, Texas; and Arlys Zoellner, Manhattan, Kans.; six step-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren; two nieces, Lillian May, Andover; and JoAnn Gulbranson, Beaverton, Ore.; two nephews, Mike Gulbranson, Spokane, Wash.; and Larry Schaeffer, Andover; and special friends Wally and Darlene Fischer and Robert and Barbara Wegner, all of Groton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two wives, seven sisters, two brothers, one step-son and one step-granddaughter.

Casketbearers will be Loren Johnson, Neil Johnson, Rob Wanous, Wally Fischer, Bob Wegner and Merton Johnson.

Arlys Doeden will be the organist and Gene Brolin will be the soloist.